

Gold medal win for Yvonne Saunders

Yvonne Saunders has finally, after years of competing and training, won what she considers to be "some- thing important." Last week she captured the gold medal for Canada in the 400 metre dash at the 10th Common-



wealth Games in New Zealand.

Miss Saunders is a librarian at the University of Guelph where she resides. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders, live at 139 Main St. in Milton. They saw Yvonne's big win on television and are anxiously awaiting her return from New Zealand.

She has previously raced for England and Jamaica but feels sentimental about having won the gold medal for her new country. A Jamaican by birth, Yvonne will become a Canadian citizen in May. Her family moved to England from Jamaica in 1951.

In public and high school she placed first in track and field events in inter-school competitions. In 1966 she joined the Stratford Athletic Club in England and competed in many county competitions in Europe, capturing top awards.

During the summer of 1967 her family moved to Montreal and it was then Yvonne made the choice between school and track. She remained in England and was chosen to compete in the Centennial International Track and Field Meet in Ottawa and Toronto. She took a first and second title.

In 1968 she moved to Montreal to be with her family. The family moved to Milton in 1970.

In Canada she has competed in games in Ireland, Halifax, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Victoria, Vancouver and the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland. She also competed in the 1972 Olympics.

YVONNE SAUNDERS, formerly of Milton, won a gold medal for Canada in the 400 meter race at the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand last week. Now living in Guelph, she used to live in Milton and her parents are still here. Yvonne is shown in a recent photo with some of her awards. (Staff Photo)

Across the Editor's Desk

By Roy Downs

CORRECTION: Last week we ran a picture of three donors at the Milton Red Cross blood donor clinic. Incorrectly identified were two drivers for Sears who are regular donors and took time from their deliveries to give blood. To add insult to injury, we spelled the missing name wrong in the separate list of donors. They are Al Croxall and Dave Barbe and were shown with Ken Howden being served refreshments by Mrs. Edith Patterson.

Steam bulbs who were interested in our earlier stories on old engine No. 136, which was repaired at the local shop of Hume Transportation, may be interested in seeing its TV debut on CBC March 3.

The engine was obtained and restored by the Ontario Rail Association and most of the work was done at the local shop owned by Sherwood Hume, a director of the club. It was sent out west last summer to be used in filming CBC's documentary on the building of the early railway across the prairies to British Columbia. The resulting program "The National Dream" is to be televised several times on CBC network, the first at 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 3.

We'd like to add Brian Best's father Percy Best to our staff—as an ambassador.

Mr. Best Sr. gave The Champion a great plug Wednesday at the Citizen of the Year dinner where his son was being honored for his service and leadership in Milton. He told the audience it was a great paper and the town was "lucky" to have such a good paper serving the community.

Mr. Best says most weeks his Wednesday edition of The Champion arrives at his home in Wareham, England on Monday morning. (And it sometimes takes the Canada Post Office that long to get our paper to Toronto or Burlington.)

Recently Mike Ledwith, one of Brian Best's business associates, made a trip to England and dropped in to visit Brian's father at Wareham. Percy says he was able to tell Mike what had been happening in Milton since he left.

The reason Mr. Best can receive his Champion so quickly in Great Britain is a result of a recent Canada Post Office decision. Postal authorities will often send surface mail by air to Great Britain, if there is room on a flight—but you can't count on your surface mail to go air freight all the time.

Friends of Joan Mellor, Milton's missionary to Africa, will be pleased to know Joan was scheduled to finally make her way to the dark continent last week.

Joan, well known in Milton for her work with the Campbell-Reese Evangelistic Team and Emmanuel Baptist Church, is fulfilling a dream she first had 22 years ago by going to work in the mission fields. She has spent the past year in France, learning to speak and write French in order to work with the evangelical mission in N'Djamena, republic of Chad, Africa and according to her last newsletter to friends here, she was due to fly to Africa on Jan. 31 to begin her work.

Her many friends here will be praying for her and her work.

Operating without licence urge day care centre rezoning

Milton Day Care Centre operated by Mrs. K. Sonne is operating without a provincial licence and in contravention to town by-laws, Milton Council's Planning and Development Committee was told at the meeting Tuesday.

Clerk Jack McGeachie told council the provincial department governing day care centres was willing to issue a

licence, but only for the downstairs section of the building at the corner of Heslop Rd. and Commercial St. The provincial licence would limit the capacity to 15 children, but council was told there were as many as 26 children attending the centre.

Asks rezoning Peter McWilliams representing Focus Developments has requested a rezoning of the upper portion of the building so that that space could legally be used for day care use. The upper portion of the building is zoned residential and the use is legally confined to an apartment use.

Mayor Anne MacArthur encouraged the clerk to help Mrs. Sonne comply with regulations, but noted she must secure a licence from the province.

Councillors were in receipt of a report from the Milton Fire Department noting some renovations would be required before the upstairs of the building could comply with regulations.

Not a new problem Councillor Art Melanson noted the problem wasn't a new one. He said the centre had been moved three or four times because it was located in illegal zones and neighbors had objected. Councillor Melanson suggested the management of the centre should make an effort to sort out the problems. "Problems seem to follow them around. I don't know why."

He noted a co-operative day

care centre was operated at St. Paul's Church and there had been no problems there.

Negotiate for salaries

Salary negotiations are now underway at Milton Town Hall with council choosing Councillor Don Gordon to head its negotiating team. Councillors Brad Clements, Russ Fovadiuk and Art Melanson are members of that committee.

Currently the committee is negotiating salaries with department heads. Campbell Thompson, Bob Small, Don Lougheed and Bruce McKerr are negotiating for the department heads.

Council appointed members to the committee at a meeting Tuesday. Recreation director Bob Small announced members of the staff committee following that meeting.

Representatives of salaried personnel and representatives of hourly paid workers will meet with the negotiating committee in the near future.

Milton Council briefs

Milton Council Monday during a regular meeting:

—Appointed Deputy Clerk Campbell Thompson to act as staff liaison with George Jackson of the Library Board on the new library building project.

—Learned of conflicting meeting dates with Milton's planning and development committee scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of the month as well as Milton Library Board meetings. Mayor Anne MacArthur also noted she sat on the Oakville PUC which meets the third Wednesday of the month. She said she thought that meeting was to be accommodated in the local schedule. The Library Board was asked to look at its schedule.

—Proclaimed February as Heart Month and authorized a student campaign for funds.

—Named Lloyd Chisholm to the Committee of Adjustment for a one year period.

—Took no action on an objection to the Halton Daytime Development proposals or the Bertram Day proposals and forwarded the by-laws to the Ontario Municipal Board for hearings.

—Named department heads and established negotiating committees for department heads, supervisory personnel, salaried workers and hourly rated employees.

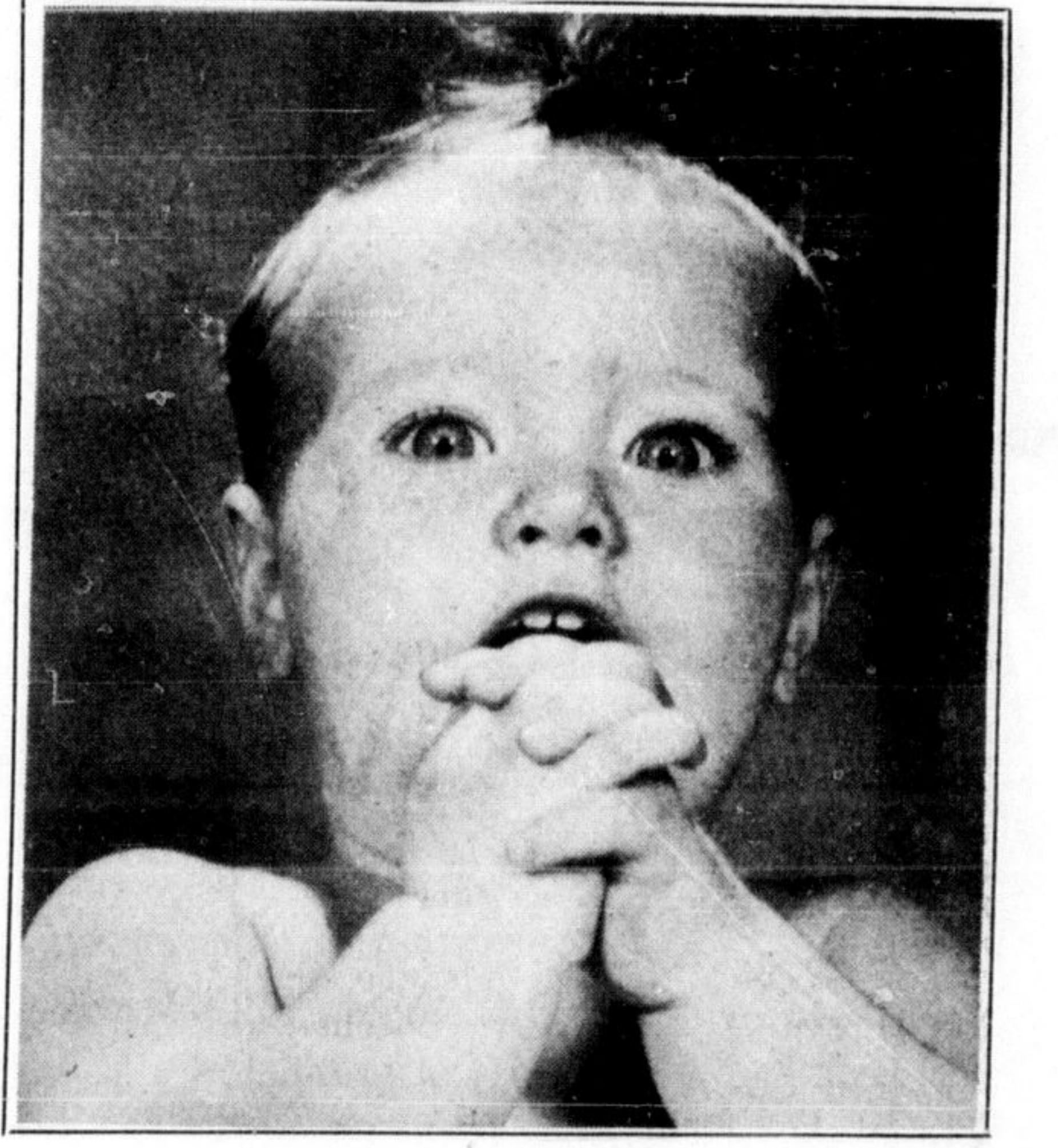
—Agreed to seek a report from the planning director on a proposal that lands to be developed have signs indicating the type of development planned as a guide to potential purchasers.

—Agreed to the suggestion of the mayor, to defer the town's request to alter the regional government bill to amend "annex" to "amalgamate" in reference to Nassagaweya. She noted it was on the current regional council agenda and she hadn't realized the issue would come up so soon. "We don't have the background to deal with it at regional council," she suggested.

—Learned there were no submissions yet in the town crest contest although there had been several inquiries.

—Asked the Health Unit to prepare a report on the impact and needs in the Milton Heights area if water service is brought to the area. The area is currently served with septic tanks.

—Approved the by-law setting the salary of the mayor at \$10,000 and the members of council at \$4,000 with mileage paid for on the basis of 14 cents a mile travelled on town business.



O'Connor praises election bill

In a speech to the Oakville Rotary Club Monday, Halton MP Terry O'Connor said the new Election Expenses Bill will help bring the system "out of the back rooms and place it under public scrutiny."

He said that first there would be strict limitations on the amounts of money parties and candidates could spend during the election period. Radio, television and newspaper advertising duration in the campaign would be limited to the 29 days prior to election day.

Halton candidates, according to the spending formula, will be limited to \$27,000 or \$28,000.

Payment portion

The Bill allows reimbursement of a portion of the election expenses from the public treasury to candidates and parties. For parties the

amount will be one-half the cost of their advertising campaigns on TV and radio. For candidates, he said the amount will relate to the number of voters in the riding and to be eligible for this public reimbursement, the candidate must receive more than 15 per cent of the votes cast.

For Halton candidates, the reimbursements would amount to about \$9,000.

The Bill also requires public disclosure of the names and amounts of all donors of more than \$100 to a party or an individual candidate, according to O'Connor. He said this would help reduce the amounts usually donated by the 100 or so large corporations which have traditionally carried the two large parties, or even in some cases, eliminate them altogether.

He said, "Though there has not in most cases been a direct return of jobs, favors, contracts, etc., the public perception of this arrangement has been that it is pure patronage. Now the system will be taken out of the back-rooms and placed under public scrutiny. This is desirable, healthy and definitely the most progressive step taken by the act."

However, if the desired result of reduced dependence on large donations is achieved, he said the partial reimbursement would be from the public treasury.

"The exact cost of these changes to the treasury is hard to determine," O'Connor said. "Using 1972 election results, the additional cost to the treasury will be 7 to 8 million dollars."

He admitted that was a lot of money, but added, "If it achieves a healthier political system, free from the suspicion of patronage and helps remove politicians from the temptations of graft, we will all have benefitted substantially."

Make room for new department

Milton Council's Planning and Development Committee approved renovations in the third floor of the town hall to accommodate the new planning department.

Planner Bob Zsadyani told the committee he felt he could set up an office in part of that

area currently being used by the recreation department.

Council authorized renovations not to exceed \$2,000. Zsadyani said provision can be made for the planner, the draftsman and a secretary. He noted partitions would have to be built.

Sincere Thanks

to the Firemen, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bokor, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell and girls, and all our friends for their help and consideration after our recent fire. Their kindness is greatly appreciated.

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Weather and snow conditions permitting the RACES will be held on Feb. 17th.

Watch this paper next week or call

853-0926 or 853-0286.

ANNOUNCEMENT

New Agency Appointment

The Crop Insurance Commission of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is pleased to announce the appointment of

MR. CLIFFORD G. BROWN
360 George St., Milton
878-4596

as an Agent to represent the Commission in the Halton area.

As an agent for the Commission, Mr. Brown will be calling on farmers in his area to make the government approved crop insurance program available to them. Mr. Brown becomes a valued member of the Commission's force of over 150 agents in the Province, and farmers in the area wishing crop insurance information are asked to contact him.